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## LARRY LYNX'S LATEST.

If the Imperial Produce Stakes at Kempton may be taken as a criterion as to the merits of our present crop of 2-year-olds, then the best of 1897 is not to be had in the campaign of the year. The best of the year is the Amherst, whose light has hitherto been hidden under a bushel to the fore. At the same time, all honour is due to Cybeline, who made to great a struggle under his tremendous burden of 9st. 10lb. A champion is born, and, unluckily enough, Mr. G. D. Ross had not obtained an allowance for his hitherto untried son of Benavista, that son of Ben Or and Vista who won the Two Thousand Guineas of 1892, and so the boned colt had to give weight away at round to his 11 opponents. There was a deal of crowding in the stalls for places when the field drew into a cluster of four lanes, and the necessary crowd was there. There is no jockey like Jack Watt, so if one of such a batch, and, with his usual tact, he seized the opportunity, and brought up Dicheadoune. 8. Loates likewise realising the situation, drew Cybeline over to him, but then the weight was held, and the splendid last had to give up. Cybeline, much hampered, but not disengaged, must be added to Amherst's record. The one debutante, Note Bene, a dark daughter of Donovan and Bene, was unlucky, as, in the crash she got shot in the ruff, and it was in the last few strides that, coming with a great battle, she beat a length the best runner-up, and would have been up still if Moran's mare could have extricated her from the muddle.

Still harping on the 2-year-old form, I must say a few words re the Middle Park Plate, run on Friday next at Newmarket, prior to dealing with the Cweswirth race. Wednesday, as I said, was the day when, with the third 2-year-old race of the day, so far as horses of war-and-not, the times and dollars, gold and dimes"—go. The winners of the bunch can take part in the race, including Dicheadoune, the unbeaten son of Galopin and Lady Yardley, who beat Champs de Marne at Derby, the undefeated Orville, and the horse that has lost his unruly temper, Wildflower, Lure Horse, Cup Martin, Bittern, and Ebla.

## WILDFLOWER OR ORZEL?

The Champion Stakes, on Tuesday should, as some reports say, be the contest for Love Wistly. He will not tempt fate by running the Joe's Club Stakes winner in this race "across the bat," and subject him to the severe Cweswirth ordeal the next day. In Love Wistly's absence command me to Valesque, who may have most trouble from Beldi.

It is now high time to deal finally with that abominable problem, the Cweswirth. It is really unnecessary to deal in extenso with the race, as I have pretty well threshed out the subject on another page. It would be a very aggressive fighting policy if, as reported, Mr. Bass goes for the Champion Stakes and the Cweswirth with a grand effort. I am inclined to "attack" the Cweswirth on the first event.

In spite of the movement in favour of the other Manton horse, Jacobs, I cannot bring my mind to the belief that this horse, who shows such wretched form in all the races he has run in, even among com no. 1s, can win this race. The old saying, "a good horse will bring a race-mare and a donkey to tears," for one, does not seem to accept in his case.

What he does is to sit at home, I should say, and expect not even 3st. 1lb. will bring Jacobs and Love Wistly together over such a long, tiring course. All good candidates are St. Bris, Merman, and Carlton Grange. St. Cloud II. will run, must have a strenuous race. He won his trial on Friday, and he will be there or thereabouts. Soliman, too, is well and a greatly improved horse. It is my lot to deal finally with this important event before the Champion Stakes is run, and henceforth I must be dumb. In face of the rumours flying about, I shall play my

LOVE WISTLY,

and expect St. Cloud II. to follow him home.

Hattie I must now unwillingly desert, and expect her to be again beaten by Soliman.

In view of the rumours afoot, I should, if all is not well with Love Wistly on the day, advise my readers to fall back on St. Cloud II. and Soliman. As I write I expect Love Wistly to win.

As the American horse, Dicheadoune, in the Duke of York Stakes, followed up his victory in the Peril of the Peak Plate, with Laveno next, and Minstrel (second to Ashburn at Manchester) third. For further particulars see details.

Other selections for next week follow.

Newmarket.—Tuesday: Royal Stakes, Orville; Newmarket Hawk, Asterol or Grey Hawk; T.Y.C. Nursery Plate, Dicheadoune; Trial Stakes, Golden Slipper; Clearwell Stakes, Ayah or Leisure Hour; Selling Plate, Compont Miss; Maiden Apprentices' Plate, Miss Beauty; (Wednesday): Maiden Plate, St. Bris; Merman, Carlton Grange, or St. Cloud II.

Second October: Newmarket Stakes, the Convict; Select Stakes, Kilcock. (Thursday): Lower Stakes, Bay Ronald of Giulian; Prendergast Stakes, Simyia or Wheatley; Brity Stakes, Merman or Lowood; Ditch Mills Nursery; Bicroner; Heath Stakes; Thoppane; Challenge Plate, Kilcock. (Friday): Southfield Plate, Castle Or; The Guide.

Alveon, 14 days.—(Saturday): Autumn Handicap or Chasseur October; Newmarket Handicap, Winsome Lad or Sheep; All-age Regulation Plate, Bentworth or Castle Or; Mid-weight Handicap; Hornsby's selected; Stewards' Handicap, Prosperous or Sweet Surprise.

Many years have elapsed since such an abrupt end was seen in an important glove contest as that witnessed on Friday at the Bingley Club, Chipping Junction. The principals in this were Dick Burge, of Newcastle, and Tom Cawser, of Bromley, who competed at 10st. 4lb. for £250 a side and £100 a prize. The trial match, Mr. M. M. Cawser won on, for the seventh round, but then Burge knocked his man out after the contest had lasted three. Burge had a defeat to wipe out, and immediately upon getting within measurable distance he let fly his left and landed on the jaw, which made Cawser retreat. The last round was fought in the dark, and before he was found Burge's left under his right eye. Burge followed his man up, and for the third time smashed Cawser with the left. A fourth blow from Burge sent Cawser reeling, and as not even a gun went the right hand was dropped as it shot. Burge's first 6 hits were with the left hand, and the final 8 on the right on the slot that all fighters seek for the knock-out blow. It was a splendid hit, and Cawser was counted out. Before the contest 3 to 1 again, Cawser went begging. Burge thus won a sensational battle in 5 hits, and that, too, without receiving a blow in return.

## YESTERDAY'S RACING.

## KEMPTON PARK OCTOBER MEETING.

THE MIDDLESEX SELLING PLATE of 400 lbs. over 1 mile.

Mr. P. Croft's Friedrichsor, aged 10st. 1lb. 1. W. Taylor 1.

Mr. G. F. Fawcett's Tintagel, 4yr. 9st. 7lb. 2. Calder 2.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs's Peopleton, 5yr. 9st. 10lb. 3. Loates 3.

Winner trained by Fallon.

## LONDON BETTING.

## CESARWITCH STAKES (Wednesday).

"Sportman," The Rush or Merman, 1; Love Wistly, 3.

"Sporting Life," Merman.

"Field," St. Bris, 1; Merman, 2; Love Wistly, 3.

"County Gentleman," St. Bris or Merman.

"Land and Water," Merman, 1; St. Bris, 2; Laughing Girl, 3.

"Sporting Times," Keenan, 1; St. Cloud II, 2; Love Wistly, 3.

MIDDLESEX PLATE (Friday).

"Sportman," Orville or Wildflower.

"Field," Orville.

"County Gentleman," Wildflower.

"Land and Water," Wildflower.

T.Y.C. Nursery (Tuesday).

"Sportman," The Convict, 1; Pix Powder, 2.

"County Gentleman," Sevilliana.

"Our Friend or the Devil," Land and Water.

"Field," Pix Powder.

Clearwell Stakes.—"Sportman," Orville.

"Sporting Life," Pix Powder.

"County Gentleman," Cranbourne Chase or Ayah.

"Land and Water," Leisure Hours.

"Field," Pix Powder.

Leisure Hour.

Second October: Nursery (Wednesday).

"Sportman," Galathia or Pix.

"Sporting Life," Wildflower or Pix.

Slices of Luck.

"County Gentleman," Pix Powder.

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## THE WORK OF A HIDDEN HAND.

BY JAMES GREENWOOD.

THE "AMATEUR CASUAL")

### LOVE IN A BASKET.

Part I.

"Believe me, sir," wrote young Mr. Ferdinand Fymbly to Mr. Peter Prendergast, "that those who would treat with contempt the sacred fire of affection when it first smoulders to flame, calling it 'call-love' and mere childish amusement, that lasts only until weaning-time, do great injustice to the noblest sentiment inherent in mankind. It is in virgin soil that the growths of the earth come quickest to perfection, and it is the same with the divine passion, when self-planted, in the human heart in its youthful tenderness. Its roots strike deep and are ineradicable."

I am unable to state exactly what was the state of affairs that led up to the indicting and forwarding of the above letter, since the scrap of paper it was written on was the first of a succession of half sheets of MS., in each one of which was wrapped the batch of butter-pats ordered of the buttermen. It appears to have been written in reply to a communication he had received from Mr. Prendergast, whose daughter Evelina was the object of his fondest solicitude, which was appreciated—and, it may be said, reciprocated—by that young lady.

"Too young to know her own mind," her father said, but that was all nonsense. A girl may be romantic in her ideas; but arrived at her nineteenth birthday it may be fairly assumed that she no longer requires leading-strings to guide her in bestowing her affections. It may have been that the young couple were not so advanced in the pleasant paths of matrimony, but the intimacy was known to their parents, and there appeared no reason why, in good time, they should not make a match of it.

Though the Prendergasts rather plumed themselves on their highly-genteel connections, there was a numerous one, and it was tolerably well known that old Mr. Prendergast's income was not so large but that he might be well pleased to find an eligible husband for the youngest of his four unmarried daughters. Ferdinand Fymbly was the only child of a retired linen draper, with a comfortable balance at his banker's, and it was no secret that he was indulgent and generously disposed towards his son and heir.

Seemingly, then, there were no obstacles in the way of a happy consummation of their courtship. Neither

had known a prior attachment. True, there seems to have been a Major Mango, a cousin of the Prendergasts, who had stayed with them when last—five years since—he was on leave of absence in England. He had, it was said, taken a great fancy to Evelina, then in her fourteenth year, and made her a beautiful present of a heart-shaped locket in diamonds and pearls on the eve of his departure, begging her to hold him in affectionate remembrance. But, as the major was then nearly forty, the affair was regarded as an act merely of kindly regard.

But, as it transpired, there was a far greater depth of meaning in Major Mango's farewell gift—or, rather, keepsake. Although in his letters home, meanwhile, his allusions to the charming little girl he had left behind him were kind and pleasant, no one dreamt that the middle-aged officer was really in love with her, and was deferring a declaration only until she came to what he regarded as a marriageable age, which was nineteen.

Then he wrote a formal letter, entrusting its delivery to his friend, Captain Cutler, who with his lady was on a holiday tour from India to the old country, and in which he made Evelina Prendergast an offer of marriage, imploring that young lady not to refuse him, and appealing to Evelina's parents to favour his suit.

He took the liberty of sending a couple of hundred pounds for Miss Prendergast's outfit and passage, and suggested that in the former should be included her marriage raiment, and that she should come to Bombay in company with Captain and Lady Cutler on their return voyage.

Old Mr. Prendergast was delighted, and his wife scarcely less pleased, and great was their disappointment and chagrin when, on making known the splendid offer to Evelina (the major was in receipt of twelve hundred a year), she burst into a passion of tears, and vehemently declared that nothing in the world should induce her to be untrue to Ferdinand Fymbly.

It was then that old Mr. Prendergast, assuming the high hand, insisted that she should do as her parents bade her, and wrote off at once informing Mr. Fymbly of the change in her daughter's prospects, and desiring that the "girl and boy sweethearts" that had been going on between him and Evelina might cease forthwith.

To this, as has been already made known to the reader, Mr. Fymbly returned what he deemed a suitable reply, but all was in vain. The old gentleman wrote back briefly to the effect that he had already telephoned to Major Mango in Bombay apprising him of his assent, and that of his daughter, and at the same time advised Mr. Fymbly that he should regard and treat as an impertinence any further attempt on his, Mr. Fymbly's, part to induce Evelina to act contrary to his commands.

Then ensued a miserable time.

Now and again, by stealth, they met for a few moments or exchanged notes—Miss Prendergast's maid acting as postman. But the weeks were passing, and the day of severance fast approaching. He could hope to receive but one more billet deux from her.

It was nearly an hour and a half beyond the usual time, and Mr. Ferdinand Fymbly was almost benumbed waiting at the corner, with an east wind blowing. Presently, however, he espied Miss Prendergast's faithful little maid, Barbara, hurrying towards him.

"I could not get out before, sir," she remarked as she approached him, and, without pausing, kept on walking. "Don't come too close to me, please, for I half suspect I am being watched. Let me get a little way in front, and I will drop a note to him, folded small, for you, and you can pick it up while I go on. And, after stood, he offered him a seat.

When you have read it, don't follow me, whatever you do."

And she proceeded briskly a few yards, and then let fall the tiny billet deux she had alluded to, and which a moment after he secured. First putting it to his lips, he placed it in his bosom near his throbbing heart, and shortly afterwards turned into a by-street, and by the light of a street lamp broke the envelope and read as follows:—

"My own dearest Ferdinand.—It is for the last time your Evelina addresses you. I fondly hoped for the sad pleasure of one more interview, but it is not to be. We were seen by my brother Bob speaking together last Friday at the fruiterer's, and he went home and told, and ever since papa has been cross, and I am not allowed to go outside the door without mamma. So it is not likely I shall ever see you again. It wrings my poor heart to write the dreadful words, but the inexorable decree of fate will not have it otherwise. We leave London for Southampton in three days, and the day following I shall be on board the hateful vessel that is to convey me to India, and to one whom I have not seen since I was fourteen, and who, though he is quite old enough to be my father, will claim me as his bride."

"Ah! me! How willingly would I forego wealth and position for peace and humble content with my dear boy, he knows without my telling. But, farewell that sweet dream. I must nerve myself to face grim and cruel reality, and banish from my mind the certainty that I shall be horribly sea-sick. Perhaps my vexed spirit may take flight in some violent paroxysm of that malady. If so, we shall meet in heaven. But I should—oh! I should—so much like to pass one farewell hour with you! Can it be in no way be managed? Alas, no!

The prospect in that direction is dark and hopeless. So, once again, my dearest Ferdinand, good-bye; and, if ever—stay! My boxes have not yet been sent home from the trunk-makers. Could no arrangement be made to—? I can say no more, as I hear papa's footsteps ascending the stairs. Your own, E.P."

Mr. Fymbly, who, though of diminutive stature, had the heart of a lion and regarded mainly courage, read and re-read the misive, the terminating sentence of which was to him an inexplicable enigma. "The travelling-boxes of his beloved had not as yet been sent home from the trunk-makers. Could no arrangement be made to—?"

In connection with what? It seemed certain that his dear Evelina had been struck with some brilliant idea the nature of which the approach of her irascible papa had prevented her from elucidating. But what was it?

What could be done at the trunk-makers?

Was it his darling's desperate idea that he should wait on that tradesman, and countermand the order he had received? That might be done; but what would be gained? The temporary delay would but further exasperate Mr. Prendergast, who no doubt would attribute the manoeuvre to him, Mr. Fymbly, and in no way could it help towards that farewell interview his dear girl, so soon to be torn from him, was yearning for. But, probably, that was not what she meant at all. What was it then?

Distracted, and despising himself, even to tears, for his dulness of comprehension, the young gentleman wended his way to Oxford-street, where the trunk-maker's premises were situated, perhaps with a vague notion that if he could catch sight of the receptacles in which her travelling gear was to be packed he might become inspired with the very scheme his Evelina had so obscurely hinted at.

So far he was fortunate. There, just within the doorway, were three of the five trunks that had been ordered—two of moderate size, and a much larger one of wicker work—and all three bearing the fatal wording, "E.P., Passenger to Bombay."

It was a harrowing sight. As far as he, Mr. Fymbly, was concerned, either of these trunks might have been her coffin, and the inscription her coffin plate. She was already dead to him, and in three days' time would be the funeral. The final departure, however. And if she were gone to paradise or to Bombay, it would be all as one to him—left here alone to mourn her.

He went miserably home, and passed a sleepless night. Next day brought him no comfort, and towards evening—though, he knew, hopeless it was—he went again to the street corner where Barbara was accustomed to meet him when there were notes to receive or deliver, but he waited in vain. Then, as yesterday, he hastened to the trunk-shop.

But the trunks were no longer in the doorway. There were four of them now, and a large, square, wicker-basket with a lid, and they were piled up outside, as though in readiness to be carted off. Even while he mournfully contemplated them, a small van made its appearance, and the man in charge, a broad-shouldered fellow, commenced to stow the articles in question in his vehicle.

Then, and not till then—not until the fifth trunk had been placed in the van, and the driver was taking the horse and some distance along the road, and then he signalled him to stop.

"I have something to say to you if you will permit me to ride with you for a few minutes," Mr. Fymbly remarked persuasively, and as he at the same time exhibited a half-crown between his finger and thumb, the young carman made no objection.

When he thought of the proposition Mr. Fymbly proceeded to make to him was indicated by his loud laugh and the remark:

"Taint likely. How do I know what you want to be up to? You are a 'spectable sort of chap to look at; but that isn't everything. It might be a dodge to get into the house and rob it, for all I can tell."

But Mr. Fymbly spoke from his heart, and was eloquent. He gave the young carman his card; he explained to him exactly how the master had, folded small, for you, and you can pick it up while I go on. And, after stood, he offered him a seat.

"I expect, don't you know," he observed, "that the poor little beggar keeps on worrying her. See's her on the sly, may be—she up at the window and he on the opposite side of the way." And the captain was so tickled by the idea that he chuckled till his sword clinked against the wicker-work.

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I knew for certain that he was dangerous after Evelina after I so frankly stated the facts of the case to him, if I did him some mortal injury, he would have only himself to blame for it. Would you blame me?"

"Only for one thing. I should blame you for taking the job out of my hands. It stands like this, you see. P. The individual who, made acquainted with the existing state of affairs, persists in continuing his attentions, whether agreeable or otherwise, to your daughter, insults my friend Major Mango, and, as his accredited representative, I should feel it my duty to run the impudent fellow through the body. But, of course, after all, what we are talking of is that surmise. She may have given up all thought of him. It struck me that for some days past she has shown herself more reconciled to going away."

"I hoped so; but why did she betray such emotion when the arrival of the travelling trunks was announced? Oh! these are the trunks."

"Capital lot, too, seemingly," and as he spoke Captain Cutler rose from the wicker one. "This large, light one is for the wedding raiment, I presume. Fitted up accordingly, no doubt. Oh, it is locked."

But there was but one flight of stairs to descend, and the length of the passage to traverse, and the outer door was reached. Of course, there was the risk of encountering old Mr. Prendergast, who had threatened to twist his neck, or Captain Cutler, with whom it was a matter of duty to run him through with his sword at the first opportunity; but it would be preferable to die even so that curled up in a travelling basket. Nor was there any time to lose, for already he could feel that loss of blood was making him faint and weak. He would make the desperate attempt at any rate.

But he was reckoning without an unconsidered factor. Thoroughly convinced in his doggish mind that there was either rat or cat within the basket-work receptacle, Rip, the fox-terrier, had returned alone to make further investigation. Barking having proved of no avail, he had decided to try the silent system, and with his tail and ears cocked was prospecting around on tiptoe, when he saw the lid of the basket gently raised and a human face appear.

He had barked previously in a way, but it was a mere whisper compared to the ringing volley he now fired off, while a ridge of hair stood on end the

spot to complete the barrow-ing picture!

It would be better, if it were possible, that he should escape unperceived from the house, and by some means reach the paternal abode, and, if he was fatally injured, die there.

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

## PIPER PAN.

It is to be hoped that the bewailings of a disappointed music lover, who betook himself on Sunday to the Albert Hall in the expectation of hearing a good orchestral concert, and found only an organ and violin recital with two vocalists assisting, may result in a permanent orchestra being instituted at the Kensington building. The thousands of persons who throng the vast hall during the summer months, when the band of the Royal Artillery performs, would be glad to enjoy similar concerts throughout the winter.

But they want suitable entertainment, and there is no doubt that the entertainments of the day is for orchestral performances. Surely the Albert Hall authorities can find a way of supplying the numerous music lovers in the vicinity with Sunday instrumental concerts. Look at the excellent bands in almost all the London theatres and music halls. There is little doubt that a permanent Sunday orchestra could be formed out of players engaged at these during the week, with a happy result for performers and public.

A thorough renovation of the large organ at St. Paul's Cathedral is in progress, the action being made as perfect as the most up-to-date methods will allow. Several additions are being made, among them being a celestial organ in one of the alcoves of the dome, which will be electrically connected with the large instrument.

The 11th season of the South Place Popular Concerts commenced on Sunday last, the 2nd concert being announced to take place on Sunday, Oct. 10, when Miss Dorothy Waleen and August Davies, Messrs. Gerald Waleen, Herbert Waleen, Leon Morin, and Robert Grice will take part in an interesting programme, which includes Grieg's string quartet in G minor, and Dittersdorf's string quartet in E flat.

On Nov. 19 a concert will be given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, at Queen's Hall, in aid of the special appeal fund for Charing Cross Hospital. A strong programme is being arranged, and a goodly result is anticipated for the hospital's benefit.

The National Sunday League musical season opens at Queen's Hall on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 7, with the ever popular "Messiah." The work will be rendered by Misses Esther Palliser and Marian Mackenzie, Messrs. Charles Kenningham and Watkin Mills, and the N.S.L. choir and orchestra of 300 performers, conducted by Mr. Churchill Sibley. I would remind my readers that admission is free, but there are reserved seats from 6d. to 2s. each.

Another, and the 20th, season of the People's Concert Society will begin on Saturday, Oct. 16. The directors hope to give concerts on a systematic manner in the East-end, thereby giving pleasure to countless numbers of the poorer classes.

Sixty Symphony concerts have been arranged by the Corporation of Bournemouth to take place in the Winter Gardens during the winter months. The first, under the direction of Mr. Dan Godfrey, jun., has already taken place with great success.

In consequence of M. Paderewski having accepted definite offers to produce his opera, he finds it impossible to make the tour that has been arranged for him, and all his dates are now cancelled.

Mr. Plunket Greene has postponed his tour in Canada, British Columbia, and California. The popular baritone will therefore be singing in the United Kingdom and on the continent throughout the coming season.

A 6 weeks' engagement during December and January has been made between Miss Marie Bréma and the management of the Opera Comique, Paris. The eminent vocalist is to sing the rôle of Orfeo in Gluck's opera and Marcelline in Bruneau's "L'Attaque du Moulin."

The marriage of the gifted young soprano, Miss Nina Allerton, to Mr. Williamson Rose of Rose, took place at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, last Tuesday. There were many musical notabilities present, among them being the veteran Mr. August Manns, the uncle of the bride, who gave her away.

Mr. Vert announces delightful afternoon concerts for the last Saturday of the month. At the first, on the 16th, Messieurs Elia Russel, Bertha Rose, and Alice Russell, Messrs. Ben Davies, Charles Colman, Santley, and Johannes Wolff will appear, and Mr. George Grossmith will give one of his humorous sketches.

Tchaikowsky's suite for orchestra, No. 3 in G, will be performed at the Rite British Concerts for the first time on Monday, Oct. 18, the opening night of the winter season. The programme will also include works of Weber and Wagner, and an in memoriam performance of Brahms' symphony, No. 4, in E minor.

## BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Oct. 5 include a golden plover, a grey plover, a ringed plover, a bar-tailed godwit, an Erythrus cat, a Sommerring's gazelle, 2 young striped hyenas, a macaque monkey, a Toque monkey, a sooty mangabey, a white collared mangabey, a white-fronted lemur, 3 serrated tamarins, 4 Reeves' tamarins, an Amboina box tortoise, a Bell's chinchilla, 2 Adamson's sternotheres, a sharp-nosed tamarin, a Lesser's gecko, a White's skink, 2 Cunningham's skinks, 2 Lesser's skinks, 31 Decreas' skinks, a muskete skink, and a European goat-sucker.

The last-named bird—the goatsucker—although a British species, is nocturnal in habit, and on that account is not so well known as most of our other feathered friends. It is accredited with all sorts of evil ways, as most animals are whose habits are not well known to the multitude. Probably owing to its noiseless flight, its peculiar cry, large mouth, and dark plumage, and its flying abroad only at night—all peculiarities which make it an object of suspicion—it has got into

bad repute. Amongst other supposed evil capabilities, it is said to poison any living thing that its bill comes in contact with, and to suck the milk from cows and goats. It is also in some places thought to be the spirit of departed persons.

I have received the following note from a correspondent at Lower Sloane-st., S.W.:—"A customer of mine lately had in his possession 3 owls in a cage, apparently in the best of health and perfectly contented. Having occasion to leave town for a couple of days he put into the cage what he thought was sufficient food to last the birds until he came back. Unfortunately he had to postpone his return for 3 days longer, and consequently when he did reach home only one owl was to be seen. On an examination of the cage several bones and feathers were found which left no doubt that the remaining owl had eaten the other 2. On this account he has been christened the 'trinity owl!'"

This is the first instance of cannibalism in the owl that I think I have heard of, and the habit is certainly not rare amongst the birds in a wild state or under proper conditions in captivity. There can be little doubt that the 2 eaten owls were victims to starvation, and the other bird, feeling the pangs of hunger itself, and seeing no means of obtaining food, devoured its 2 dead companions. Need I say that it is great cruelty to shut up an animal and keep it without sufficient food, and it is to be hoped that the owner of the surviving bird will take better care to make proper provision for it when he is next called away.

We give a figure this week of the secretary vulture—a bird which has caused naturalists some trouble to properly classify, some considering that



THE SECRETARY VULTURE.

it is more nearly allied to the cranes, others maintaining that it should be classed with the hawks. From outward appearance, either of these views might be correct, for its long legs of great length resembling those of a crane, and its head could not be mistaken for that of a hawk's. Its internal structure resembles more that of a bird of prey, and in spite of its outward dissimilarity to these birds it has been settled that its correct place is among them. Another peculiarity about the bird is that its 2 central tail feathers are greatly elongated, and it also bears a crest of long feathers on the back of the head.

As well as being in doubt as to its proper position amongst birds, naturalists are not agreed as to the food of the secretary vulture. Some assert that it is a great foe to serpents and consumes large quantities of them, while others declare that it will not touch even the smallest snake. Be this as it may, it is well adapted in build for a destroyer of snakes, and the probability is that it does feed on these reptiles. It is known that it preys to a large extent on tortoises and insects, and small mammals and birds make up the rest of its bill of fare. Although well able to fly, it generally keeps to the ground, and when pursued, makes use of its legs rather than its wings to escape. A fine example of this majestic bird may be seen at the present time in the Zoo, where many specimens have previously been exhibited. Its native home is Africa, and it is pretty widely distributed over that continent.

## JACK ALLROUND.

THIR, TO CLEAN AND BLEACH.—It needs a good deal of attention when got direct from the butcher, as it must be not only thoroughly cleaned, but made of a good colour. First wash the tripe again and again in a great many changes of water, scraping it well with a blunt knife every time, as well as scrubbing it with a small easily-handled scrubbing brush. When it has been perfectly cleaned in this way, put it on the fire to boil in cold water, and when come to the boil let it continue boiling for 10 minutes; then, to bleach it, have ready a tub of cold water and quickly take it out while still boiling, and plunge it into the cold water at once, when subject it to a further thoroughly good scraping, scrubbing and cleaning with one or two changes of water. Again put it in cold water, and this time allow it to boil for 24 hours to 3 hours, and again suddenly from the boiling water plunge it into cold water, close sealing all over the corks and lips of the bottles. Store in a warm, dry place.

## VOLUNTEER GOSSIP

The Volunteer year is rapidly closing, and in all regiments great efforts are being made to bring the laggards at drill and shooting up to the requisite state of efficiency. There are but little doubt that when the returns are made up, the total number of volunteers will not only be an increase in members, but also a great stride forwards in efficiency, especially in marksmanship. Very many more men have, with the Lee-Metford, attempted and succeeded in doing the 2nd and 1st classes, and more trouble has been taken in field firing practice. It would be interesting to compare the figures for the last few years. In 1888 there were 225,423 enrolled members, with 217,818 efficient; in 1893, 257,741, with 219,111 efficient; in 1894, 231,329, with 224,925 efficient; in 1895, 231,704, with 224,962; and last year, with 236,059, there were 229,034 efficient, being the highest number yet recorded by the Volunteer force.

The Duke of Connaught has submitted to the Under-secretary of State for War his report on the training of Volunteers at Aldershot during the past year. Sixty-eight regiments, containing about 35,000 men, were under canvas. From July 31 to Aug. 7, 5 brigades were at Aldershot, which he considers too many for the ground available, and proposes to limit the number to 4 in future at any one period. He found considerable diversity in the standard reached by so many regiments, and concluded that there were under better discipline than in former years, and more silence prevailed; they also moved more quickly and with more dash than formerly; and fire discipline is improving. The Volunteer Medical Staff Corps and the cyclists and signallers are very favourably mentioned. The report states that strict discipline was maintained, but it is also noted that the men were not always allowed to remain in camp when they should have attended parades, and in future stringent measures will be adopted to stop this irregularity. Aldershot training appears to be popular, and more applications were received from brigades than could be accepted.

The meeting of the members of the N.R.A. with the council took place at the R.N.S. Institution on Wednesday afternoon, when the members adjourned from the gathering at Blythe, where settled. The Chairman (Sir Henry Fletcher, M.P.) announced that the adjourned meeting would be held at Blythe, Nov. 20, and again, Nov. 29. It was agreed that the members should nominate 12, out of which number the council pledged itself to select 3 to act as extraordinary members of the council for 12 months.

A sad accident occurred on the 2nd at the Verne Citadel, Portland, by which 9 members of the Weymouth and Portland Detachment of the 1st Dorset Volunteer Artillery were more or less injured through an explosion at the breach of a 40-pounder gun. Two guns were being practised with, but it is not known whether the gun which exploded was the one which it was practised on. It is adjusted by the master gunner in the presence of the adjutant, Capt. Conyn, and the commandant, Maj. Sykes, Capt. Barrett, and others. This gun, when discharged blew out the breech block, which just grazed the shoulder of Gunner Fletcher, and the gun exploded, killing him, and a piece of metal pierced the collar-bone of Capt. Barrett. Six others sustained slight wounds and were more or less scorched. It is gratifying to know that all are doing well.

The return match between the North London and the Isle of Wight Rifle Clubs took place at Ilford on Wednesday, when the home team, with 961, won by 7 points only, the visitors' total being 954. For the Isle of Wight, O.R.-sergt. Flux made 103 (33, 34, 35), Corp. Munday 109, Corp. Flux 94, Pte. R. C. Cyclist Price 90; each, whilst for the N.L.R.C. Cyclist Price 90; each; and Pte. Garrard, 100; Gun. Carter, 99; and Arm.-sergt. Howell and Mr. Treadwell 98.

In the N.L.R.C. Club the short range series in target practice, the best scores in Class I. were: Arm.-sergt. Howell, 2nd East

Corp. Tilbury, London Irish, 98; Pte. Bradbury, 98; and Pte. Burton, L.R.B., 97.

In Class II. the highest scores were: Pte. Sievert, L.R.B., 94; Pte. Eliev, L.R.B., 93; and Mr. Johnstone, 100; Captain Engineers, scored 93. At 800 and 900 yards, in Class I. Mr. Treadwell (66), Pte. Burton, L.R.B., 63; and Sergt. King, Post Office (62), made the best scores; as did in Class II. Col.-sergt. Thorpe, 1st Royal Fusiliers, Pte. Sievert, L.R.B., and Colr.-sergt. the Bishop, 1st West Surrey (55) each. In the aggregate of short and long range Pte. Burton, L.R.B., made 100 (97). Gun.

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

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It is to be hoped that the bewailings of a disappointed music lover, who betook himself on Sunday to the Albert Hall in the expectation of hearing a good orchestral concert, and found only an organ and violin recital with two vocalists assisting, may result in a permanent orchestra being instituted at the Kensington building. The thousands of persons who throng the vast hall during the summer months, when the band of the Royal Artillery performs, would be glad to enjoy similar concerts throughout the winter.

But they want suitable entertainment, and there is no doubt that the taste of the day is for orchestral performances. Surely the Albert Hall authorities can find a way of supplying the numerous music lovers in the vicinity with Sunday instrumental concerts. Look at the excellent bands in almost all the London theatres and music halls. There is little doubt that a permanent Sunday orchestra could be formed out of players engaged at these during the week, with a happy result for performers and public.

A thorough renovation of the large organ at St. Paul's Cathedral is in progress, the action being made as perfect as the most up-to-date methods will allow. Several additions are being made, among them being a celestial organ in one of the alcoves of the dome, which will be electrically connected with the large instrument.

The 11th season of the South Place Popular Concerts commenced on Sunday last, the 2nd concert being announced to take place on Sunday, Oct. 10, when Misses Dorothy, Waleen, and Augusta Davies, Messrs. Gerald, Waleen, Herbert, Waleen, Leon Mozin, and Robert Grice will take part in an interesting programme, which includes Grieg's string quartet in G minor, and Dittersdorf's string quartet in E flat.

On Nov. 19 a concert will be given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, at Queen's Hall, in aid of the special appeal fund for Charing Cross Hospital. A strong programme is being arranged, and a goodly result is anticipated for the hospital's benefit.

The National Sunday League musical season opens at Queen's Hall on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 7, with the ever popular "Messiah." The work will be rendered by Misses Esther Palliser and Marian Mackenzie, Messrs. Charles Keenham and Watkin Mills, and the N.S.L. choir and orchestra of 300 performers, conducted by Mr. Churchill Sibley. I would remind my readers that admission is free, but there are also reserved seats from £1 to 2s. each.

Another, and the 20th, season of the People's Concert Society will begin on Saturday, Oct. 16. The directors hope to give concerts on a systematic manner in the East-end, thereby giving pleasure to countless numbers of the poorer classes.

Sixty Symphony concerts have been arranged by the Corporation of Bournemouth to take place in the Winter Gardens during the winter months. The first, under the direction of Mr. Dan Godfrey, jun., has already taken place with great success.

In consequence of M. Paderewski having accepted definite offers to produce his opera, he finds it impossible to make the tour that has been arranged for him, and all his dates are now cancelled.

Mr. Plunket Greene has postponed his tour in Canada, British Columbia, and California. The popular baritone will therefore be singing in the United Kingdom and on the continent throughout the coming season.

A 6 weeks' engagement during December and January has been made between Miss Marie Bréma and the management of the Opera Comique, Paris. The eminent vocalist is to sing the rôle of Orfeo in Gluck's opera, and Marcelline in Bruneau's "L'Attaque du Moulin."

The marriage of the gifted young soprano, Miss Nina Allerton, to Mr. Williamson Ross, of Ross, took place at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, last Tuesday. There were many musical notabilities present, among them being the veteran Mr. August Manns, the uncle of the bride, who gave her away.

Mr. Vert announces delightful afternoon concerts for the last Saturday of the month. At the first, on the 16th, Messrs. Ella Russell, Bertha Rossoff, and Alice Gomez, Messrs. Ben Davies, Charles Coland, Santley, and Johannes Wolff will appear, and Mr. George Grossmith will give one of his humorous and musical sketches.

Tchaikowsky's suite for orchestra, No. 3 in G, will be performed at the Ritchie British Concerts for the first time on Monday, Oct. 18, the opening night of the winter season. The programme will also include works of Weber and Wagner, and an in memoriam performance of Brahms' symphony, No. 4, in E minor.

## BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Oct. 5 include a golden plover, a grey godwit, a ringed plover, a bar-tailed godwit, an Eva cat, a Sommerring's gazelle, 2 young striped hyenas, a macaque monkey, a Toque monkey, a sooty mangabey, a white-collared mangabey, a white-fronted lemur, 3 serrated terrapins, 4 Reeves' terrapins, an Amboina box tortoise, a Bell's chinchilla, 2 Adamson's sternotheres, a sharp-nosed terrapin, a Lesneur's gecko, a White's skink, 2 Cunningham's skinks, 2 Lesneur's skinks, 31 Decresian skinks, a mousteline skink, and a European goat-sucker.

The last-named bird—the goatsucker—although a British species, is nocturnal in habits, and on that account is not so well known as most of our other feathered friends. It is accredited with all sorts of evil ways, as most animals are whose habits are not well known to the multitude. Probably owing to its noiseless flight, its peculiar cry, large mouth, and dark plumage, and its flying abroad only at night—all peculiarities which make it an object of suspicion—it has got into

bad repute. Amongst other supposed evil capabilities, it is said to poison any living thing that its bill comes in contact with, and to suck the milk from cows and goats. It is also in some places thought to be the spirit of departed persons.

I have received the following note from a correspondent at Lower Sloane-st., S.W.:—"A customer of mine lately had in his possession 3 owls in a cage, apparently in the best of health and perfectly contented. Having occasion to leave town for a couple of days he put into the cage what he thought was sufficient food to last the birds until he came back. Unfortunately he had to postpone his return for 3 days longer, and consequently when he did reach home only one owl was to be seen. On an examination of the cage several bones and feathers were found which left no doubt that the remaining owl had eaten the other 2. On this account he has been christened the 'trinity owl'!"

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We give a figure this week of the secretary vulture—a bird which has caused naturalists some trouble to properly classify, some considering that



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## THE THEATRES.

## COVENT GARDEN.

Performances in most points excellent have distinguished the first week of the Carl Rosa Company's tenancy of Covent Garden. Of course, it is useless seeking to compare the English season with the grand season for which the Royal Opera Syndicate is solely responsible, but allowing for necessary limitations one can derive much enjoyment from the efforts of this excellent company, who are doing their best to put forward a series full of diversity and interest. "Tannhäuser" has served to introduce another new tenor (Mr. Salvini), it will be remembered, made quite a success in "La Bohème," who can act as well as sing, and if at times there was a tendency to exaggeration this may be forgiven in one who proved himself a welcome addition to the company. The veteran Mr. Ludwig lent dignity to the character of Wulfram, and Madme. Marie Duma made a fairly satisfactory Elizabeth. M. Sepilli, a conductor whom we are pleased to see once more at the desk at Covent Garden, again proved himself a master of his art, and saved several risky moments. Yet another tenor new to London came forward in "Faust"—Mr. L. D'Aubigné. He has a most pleasing voice, and while using it with effect acted with warmth and earnestness. Miss Alice Esty as Marguerite achieved a familiar success, and Mr. Pringle was satisfactory as the Evil One. So far, the most delightful performance has been the "Carmen" of Mdlle. Rossa Olitzka, one of the most talented and thorough of artists at present concerned with the operatic stage. Her conception of the character of the cigarette girl is in all points convincing, and it is a part in which her strong dramatic instincts stand her in good stead. Her rich voice, one of the purest contraltos we possess, has, if anything, gained in beauty, and she played "Carmen" with such fascinating power and cruel witchery as called forth the most enthusiastic plaudits from a crowded audience. Mr. Brozzi made a passionate Don Jose, Miss Coombes a tender Michaela, and Mr. G. V. Ferguson a manly Torquato. M. Sepilli again conducted with great tact and ability.

## CRITERION.

Mr. Henry Arthur Jones's new play, "The Liars," was the interesting production with which Mr. Charles Wyndham, returning once again to his theatre, took in hand the slackened reins of its management on Wednesday. The piece, very serious indeed in its main incident, is scarcely consistent with itself, inasmuch as its almost tragic action at the important crisis of the story is unfolded through a scene tolerable in force but not in comedy. It is heartless cynicism, vended through heartless cynicism, vended to incite an audience to such laughter as was heard through the third act, where a roomful of people, set forth as average ethical types of modern "good" society, formulate the really desperate lies designed by them to

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## OUR LOCAL THEATRES.

Kingston Theatre has been opened with all possible "éclat." The Mayor, wearing his chain of office, occupied a box with the Mayors, and Mrs. Davey wife of the managing director recited a long prologue, written for the occasion, asking, as the Muse Thalia:—

Where has Drama ever found before A home more meet than Thame's historic shore, Where Romeo built and Saxon Kings were crowned.

The audience was rightly told that:—

All is auspicious, and benignant Fate Has brought the Drama to your very gate; One thing alone remains—for you to heed Endeavours made with approbation sweet.

After a graceful speech by Mr. Peter Davey, the Mayor declared open the Royal County Theatre, and then Mr. Davey's company presented "Under the Red Robe."

To-morrow a new play is due at the New Pavilion, written by those successful authors, Messrs. A. Shirley and B. Landeck, who have already given the theatre such successful dramas as "Tommy Atkins" and "Saved from the Sea." The new romantic and spectacular drama is entitled "Woman and Wine." There are 4 acts and the scene shifts from England to Paris, where the greater part of the story is unfolded. There are over a score of characters, and knowing what sound and stirring plots these collaborators can devise, and what excellent mounting Mr. Isaac Cohen arranges, the Mile End folks are anticipating the event with lively interest.

## GRAND.

One hears less talk nowadays than formerly of Shakspere spelling ruin, but if there be any who still hold that opinion let us hope they formed part of the packed audience which welcomed Miss Ada Rehan to Islington, when she stepped on to the stage as the most fascinating Rosalind of modern times. True, there has of late been a terrible run on the hotch-potch musical comedy, and according to some of our local theatre managers, they prove a great draw, but never let it be said that local audiences have no taste for more refined stuff when "As You Like It" can be played to such houses as have paid gold to the manager's pocket at the Grand for a week, and will do so to continue to do so for the present week, when this Mr. Daly's Co. will be seen in several other plays. And what a Ross it is that the clever American actress puts before us! How bewitching and tender in the earlier scenes, and with what agony of suspense does she watch Orlando wrangle with the expert. In the forest too, how seductive is her art, and with what charming grace she wears the doublet and hose and teases her lover into making love. The audience followed her performance with intense interest, and at the end of it all called Ada Rehan and Augustin Daly before the curtain to receive renewed congratulations, the former for giving Islingtonians so rare a treat, and the latter for his production of the play.

## HALLS AND PALACES.

Two interesting events are announced in connection with those excellent companies of minstrels who hold forth in the north and west of London. On Thursday, Harry Hunter, of the Mohawks, takes his stand at the Agricultural Hall, and on the 20th, the Moore and Brooks Minstrels will hold their 33rd anniversary festival, when an entirely new programme is promised, accompanied by the gift of souvenirs to the audience. Here is news indeed! Mrs. Chant will give a lecture on Sunday Amusements in about a fortnight's time at the Oxford. After a long illness Rose Heath resumes her engagements at some of the chief London music halls—So successful has dainty Marie Danton proved at the Palace that Mr. Morton has had the wisdom to lengthen her engagement from 2 to 10 weeks. The National Chrysanthemum Society will hold a grand show of chrysanthemums at the Royal Aquarium from Tuesday to Thursday. The early flowering varieties will be numerous, there will be some fine groups of chrysanthemums arranged for effect, and the table decorations promise to be highly effective. The show will open with the entertainments, which will proceed as usual.

The annual benefit of Mr. Joe Haynes, chairman of the Bedford (where Mr. Tom Mabty is keeping his programme at high water mark), takes place on Thursday, Nov. 11.

## MIDDLESEX.

Patrons of Mr. J. L. Grayson's hall in Drury-lane always show a marked preference for the sketch form of entertainment, and the 2 pieces now provided afford plenty of fun and amusement. "Leg Ball," by Wal Pink and Co., and "The Lockit," by the Albert and Edmunds troupe, are just what sketches should be, bright and smartly written, with ample variety and movement. In addition to the popularity of the play, there is often a marked interest always displayed in the Middies in the performance of dances. In no part of London is the art of stage dancing more unscrupulous and nowhere is a clever exponent more heartily appreciated than in the neighbourhood of Drury-lane. Among the best of the many dancers now appearing are the Sisters McNulty, from America, and the Sisters Dunlo, the Sisters Caselli (those phenomenal high kickers), and others illustrate the art at the Middies. It is essentially a company of ladies and includes Ida Heath, Lillie Vento, the Sisters Moore, and Florry Gallimore, but good male talent is also represented by Harry Bedford, Vento, Dan Pauion, and Charles Monkton. For freshness and variety the programme cannot easily be improved.

## THE WASHINGTON.

Some of the best "turns" in the variety procession are making their appearance just now at the Washington, which, under the management of Mr. Thiodon, bids fair to continue its present season of prosperity. Pantomime of an excellent order is provided by the Albert and Edmunds troupe in their well-known sketch, "The Elopement," and the Sisters Preston invert their duologue, "The Two Little Vagabonds," with plenty of pathos and power. Much has recently been said as to the natural portrayal of servant girls by performers on the dramatic stage, but for originality and humour the gifted Ada Landor has long held a foremost place with her impersonations of the success of the farce made solely by this single impersonation, were subdued and silenced by tears as the heart-stricken wail of the poor slave came in moving accents across the footlights. Good service was rendered by Miss Clara Jecks as a page; by Mr. Charles Glenney as the young doctor; and by Mr. Alfred Maltby in the part of a country solicitor.

The farce was preceded by Mrs. Oscar Beringer's clever little play, "A Bit of Old Chelsea," in which Miss Annie Hughes once more thrilled her audience by her singularly winsome assumption of the poor street flower girl.

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queen of juvenile performers, astonishes one with her precocious gifts; Harry Anderson's rollicking songs vastly please the audience; Ada Alexandra is always good, and her impersonation of a Dutch lad is quite a creation. An excellent company supports this substantial lady in her sketch, "The Mason." While the management continue to put such excellent fare before their patrons, crowded houses will continue a familiar sight.

**BEHIND THE SCENES.**  
Last Monday brought the opening of the new theatre at Kingston-on-Thames, named the County. The house, with a holding capacity for 1,250 sitters, was full to repletion to witness the performance of Mr. Abd's company of "Under the Red Robe." The new playhouse is fitted with electric illuminants, together with all other of the latest modern appliances for the comfort and safety of the audience.

The new farce, "Never Again," due at the Vaudeville next Monday, is to be put to trial on Monday at Birmingham with a promising success. The Duke of Cambridge, with Miss Ada Rehan as Rosalind and Katharina, have been delighting audiences at the Islington "Grand" during the last fortnight. This is the only appearance in the metropolis of this accomplished act, and her fellow-players during the current year. The 300th performance of "The Circus Girl" at the Gaiety was given on Thursday last. The annual performance in aid of that valuable charity, the Theatrical Choristers' Association, will take place at the Lyric Theatre on the afternoon of Oct. 21, under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of York, Sir Henry Irving, Sir Arthur Sullivan, &c. A new operetta, entitled "The Soldier's Wife; or, Not on the Strength," will be the chief feature of the programme. There has just passed away at Leicester in Miss Fanny Reeve, widow of Mr. Eliot Galer, a favourite English operatic contralto of a past generation. Mr. Arthur Collins, the manager of Drury Lane, has informed a contemporary that the outlay upon "The White Heather" was no less a sum than £6,000. Each performance costs before the curtain rises £215, and there are 400 persons engaged in the representation. The returns happily more than justify the expenditure, reaching, for instance, for the 2 presentations last Saturday well over £300. For the coming Christmas pantomime "The Babes in the Wood" is already forward in preparation. Miss Ada Blanche is engaged for the chief boy, and Messrs. Dan Leno and Herford Cobell for the "babes." The Grapoli dancing girls have been received in a manner from 7, seen last Yuletide, to 21; and a company of Arabian acrobats will be an important feature of the general entertainment. Stingo, to tell "Secret Service," which was so popular, both in New York and London, has proved to be a failure in its French dress at Paris. Gallois playgoers object, and not unreasonably, to a spy being made a dramatic hero. "Two Little Vagabonds" was revived successfully at the Princess's last Monday. The only new features of interest in the performance was the substitution of Miss Beryl Mercer for Miss Faribeth in the part of the sick wif Wally. The new comer was equal to the trying ordeal, proved by her pathetic hold upon the sympathy of the house a worthy follower to her clever predecessor.

**CASES AT GRAVESEND.**  
Three cases of typhoid have been noticed at Gravesend. The three sufferers had been on visits to Maidstone.

**LORD MATOR OFFERS ASSISTANCE.**

The Lord Mayor of London telegraphed to the Mayor of Maidstone as follows:—"Can I be of any assistance to you in this grievous emergency? If so, my services are at your disposal." The Maidstone authorities, however, do not think it would be advisable at present to ask the Lord Mayor to open a Mansion House fund. The public relief appeal had already realised £23,500.

**MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN.**

The Mayor of Maidstone received a telegram from the Queen expressing a great distress at the outbreak of the typhoid epidemic, her sympathy with the sufferers and the bereaved, and her hopes that those attacked are doing well. The mayor replied thanking her Majesty for her gracious message of sympathy.

**NO CASES FOR ALARM IN LONDON.**

In view of the statements with regard to certain cases of typhoid fever in Camberwell and Paddington said to have been contracted at Maidstone, a representative called at the offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board. It was there stated by one of the officials that no importance whatever was attached to the cases in question. It was usual every autumn for a number of cases of typhoid in London to show an increase, and last week 123 cases in all were notified to the board. So far as can be gathered, the returns this week will indicate a similar state of affairs. The outbreak at Maidstone had made many people uneasy, but, so far as the Asylums Board was concerned, no significance was attached to the cases in the metropolis at present, and no special arrangements were being made, the opinion being held that the ordinary precautions were quite sufficient.

**MURDERED SCHOOLBOY.**  
SOME IMPORTANT EVIDENCE: INQUEST AND VERDICT.

Mr. Hillyard resumed the inquest at the King's Head, Church-nd, on the little lad, William James Barrett, aged 6, son of a stoker residing at St. Leonard's-nd, Bromley, who is alleged to have been brutally murdered on Sept. 15. The details of the sad case have already been fully reported. The police authorities were again represented by Chief-insp. Melish and Det.-srgts. Liddlelow and Guly. Arthur Simpson of Sandringham-nd, Forest Gate, labourer, said that on 15th, at 15, he, at Bromley Station on the London and Tilbury line, got into a N. London train for Plaistow, due there at 6.25. When in the carriage he noticed a man and a boy. He knew him at school, and when there witness formed the opinion that he was

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He was about 28, about 5ft. 7in. in height, and had a dark moustache, and a scar down one side of the face. Coroner: How was he dressed? He was dressed in a short black reefer coat, dark cord trousers, and heavy boots, and a "scull cap." Witness went on to say that he recognised the man at once, but did not speak to him. The little boy was sitting next to him, but witness took no special notice of him until the 2 got out at Plaistow Station. The man did not leave with the other passengers; but 10 minutes later witness, who was waiting on the platform for the Tilbury train, saw the man pass him.

**HOLDING THE CHILD.**

by the hand. The child was about 6. Witness could not say how the child was dressed, but he had seen since the clothes, and recognised the tunic as similar to the one the boy was wearing. The evidence of Insp. Melish went to show that the man who was alleged to have been seen with deceased boy on the day of the tragedy had been seen by his friends since that day preceding the crime. The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

**VOLUNTEERS AND FOREIGN SERVICE.**

It is reported that the War Office has elaborated a plan for extending the scope of the Volunteer Act in such a manner as to make the whole of the volunteer force readily available for foreign service. In existing circumstances, members of this force volunteer for service at home in case of invasion or for service beyond the sea in special circumstances of danger to our Colonies and dependencies, and volunteer regiments figure in the Army List as available under this restriction, as part of the general service organisation. A difficulty of extending the system so as to enable the volunteers more generally available has been due rather to the vacuity or conservatism of the Army than to the unwillingness of the "citizen force" to place itself at the disposal of the military authorities. It is not thought likely that the number of the volunteers would diminish if their first enrolment was made subject to a liability to be sent abroad in case of war.

**MRS. MINNIE GRAHAM CHARGED.**

Mrs. Minnie Graham, one of the witnesses in the unsuccessful action for libel which Dr. Ady brought against the "Sun" newspaper, in London, was this week remitted from the Edinburgh Police Court to the higher court charged with improper practices in Edinburgh and the neighbourhood, where it is stated she has been going in the name of Mrs. Gray, M.D. For the last month or so she resided at Gayfield-nd, Edinburgh, where she, it is alleged, advertised herself as possessing special knowledge of women's diseases. The Police Court was divided, and the result was manifested in the proceedings, as it is expected that the names of persons in position at Edinburgh will be mentioned in connection with the case.

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THE EXPLOSION AT JOHANNESBURG.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PEOPLE."

Sir.—As a regular reader of your paper I thought it would interest many of your readers to know a little about the terrible dynamite explosion on Sept. 8. About 4.45 on that day a terrific report was heard, and upon looking in a S.W. direction a gigantic column of dust was seen high in the air. Cabs, trams, and bicycles were immediately requisitioned, and upon arrival on the ground of the George Goch mine (for there it was that the explosion had taken place) a terrible sight was to be witnessed. Electric and telephone poles and cables srewed around, here a passing wagon with 6 horses, wagon blown to atoms, horses all of a heap, stone dead, the driver blown some 200 yards, his head off, as clean as cut by a knife, his mate in a different direction dismembered, and pieces of Kaffir here and there. The only white seriously hurt was a Russian Jew, wheeling his truck containing lemonade, cakes, &c. The Russian was blown some distance, and badly injured, but his barrow and goods were blown to the four winds. The cause of all this misery was the exploding of the George Goch dynamite magazine, of which there is not the slightest trace left excepting a deep hole some 10ft. deep and 40ft. in diameter. The force of the explosion was felt 40 miles.—Yours, &c., J. D. A. Johansen, Sept. 18, 1897.

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MIXTURE:

The deaths registered last week in 35 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 16.8 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,524 persons in the middle of this year.

In London 2,503 births and 1,513 deaths were registered.

Allowing for increase of population, the births were 55, and the deaths 121, below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 16.3, 16.1, and 15.7 in the preceding 3 weeks, fell last week to 15.3.

During the 4 weeks ending on Oct. 2, the death-rate averaged 15.9 per 1,000, being 0.4 per 1,000 below the rate in the corresponding periods of the years 1887-96.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 2, having been 4, and 6 in the preceding 3 weeks.

Widow Marsh, one of the inmates of the Weston Green Almshouses, Thames Ditton, has attained her 104th birthday.

Mr. Harry Green, a member of the Salisbury bench, was fined £5 for cruelty to a horse. A previous conviction was proved.

Mr. Wm. Newham, of Brighton, the Sussex cricketer, was married at Gloucester to Miss Rosanna Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Simpson.

Count Badeni, the Premier, having recovered from the wound which he received in his recent duel, reappeared in the Lower House of the Reichsrath, and was warmly welcomed.

John Porter, 70, flagman, employed by the L.B. & S.C., was knocked down by a light engine and instantly killed outside Blackheath Station.

The Liverpool Jubilee Commemoration Committee have decided to close the fund, which amounted to a distinct nursing scheme in the city.

The chronology of both the Chinese and the Hindoo is fairly reliable so far back as 2200 B.C., before which it becomes misty.

The L.C.C. will meet on Oct. 12, when the rate will be assessed at 7*l*. in the £ for the 6 months ending March 31. The total amount required is £1,050,580.

Chicago is in terror of some mysterious young men who pounce upon unprotected girls in the street, snap their hair off, and disappear in the dark.

Mr. Plowden at Marylebone announced that in consequence of the recent increase in drunk and disorderly cases he should punish such offenders more severely in future.

At Eastbourne, Alfred John Phillips was fined £25 for keeping betting house, and Capt. Yates £5 for resorting to the house for the purpose of betting.

Capt. Searle, of the Cape Town Highlanders, has (says Heuter) been dismissed from the corps, having admitted that he gave orders for the decapitation of the corps of the Bechuanas chief, Luka Janje.

A fatal collision occurred between a Belgian and a Dutch pilot boat. They were sailing at full speed towards Flushing, when the Dutch boat capsized and 4 of her crew were drowned.

The mosaics in the Church of St. Mark, in Venice, are the finest in the world. They cover 40,000 square feet of the upper walls, ceilings, and cupolas, and are all laid on a gold ground.

Ammonia is said to have been first analysed by Joseph Priestley in 1774. The substance was well known to the alchemists, and by them was assigned many remarkable powers. Its pungency caused it to be regarded with much superstition.

The owl's eyes have no muscles by which they can be moved. This deficiency is atoned for by extraordinary flexibility in the muscles of the neck, by which the owl can move his head with incredible rapidity in any direction.

With reference to the alleged disaster to the Cavendish expedition, it is stated that a letter has been received from Fort Smith, Kikuyu, according to which the Cavendish party reached Kikuyu, a station in British East Africa, early in August.

Lady Windsor unveiled a window erected in Alvechurch Parish Church, Redditch, in commemoration of the Queen's record reign. The window was dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester, and the Bishop of Gibraltar read the first lesson.

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The Pope is reported to be in excellent health, notwithstanding rumours to the contrary.

President McKinley has appointed Mr. Laurits S. Swenson, of Minnesota, U.S. Minister to Denmark.

Belfast papers report the death of Mr. Anne McNicholl, aged 106, at Garvagh, co. Londonderry.

Prof. C. S. Roy, M.A., who occupied the Chair of Pathology at Cambridge University, has just died at Cambridge.

The "Gazette" announces the appointment of Miss Anna Tracey as an inspector of factories and workshops.

Mr. C. N. G. Oliver has been appointed chief commissioner of railways in New South Wales, in place of the late Mr. E. M. G. Eddy.

The North British Rly. directors have refused to grant a conference to their employees, who ask for a 10 hours

day. The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet unanimously adopted the address of thanks to the King for his gift to the city of 10 monuments of great Hungarians.

At the Mansion House, the Lady Mayoress (Lady Faudel Phillips) distributed the prizes won at the 4th competitive exhibition of the Fan Makers' Co.

The Hon. Sir S. Samuel having been granted a year's leave of absence, the N.W. Wales Government has appointed Sir D. Cooper, Bart., as acting Agent-General for the Colony in London.

All Egyptians who have gone to spend their summer vacation in the Lebanon have been ordered to leave the country, by direction of the Turkish Government.

While engaged in cutting up some old mail bags at Meers' Joyson's paper mill, St. Mary Cray, a woman came across an unopened letter, posted in 1866, containing a cheque for £20.

Jabs Balfour is at present in Portland Prison with his other Liberator confinees, and last week was employed in the foundry cleaning pots with rag and whitening.

Philatelists will be interested in learning that the collection of Dr. Legrand, the finest in France, and valued at several millions of francs, has passed into the hands of a dealer.

Aid. Mark, chairman of the Watch Committee of the Manchester City Council announced his resignation of the aldermanship. The action is in consequence of criticism in connection with the police scandals.

The Queen of Greece is so devoted to flowers that she delights to share with others her pleasure in them. By her orders, large quantities are distributed weekly in the hospitals of Athens.

The Most Rev. Fr. Fröhlich, Master-General of the Dominican Order, left Victoria this week, having completed his visit of inspection to the monasteries of his Order in England and Ireland.

A verdict of not guilty was recorded at Clerkenwell Sessions in the case of Robert Morris, 33, confectioner, who was alleged to have wounded John McDermott, salesman, in a house in Charterhouse, N. E., Sept. 21.

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Carboxylic acid was the means employed for suicide by a Wrexham man named Thomas Williams, aged 31, who worked at one of the breweries in the town. He left his mother a letter expressing the hope that his action would not upset her, and giving no clue as to his motive.

The house which a wagoner named Webb was leading from a field at Gifford shied at something and threw the man to the ground. The wagon passed over him, inflicting severe injuries. He died subsequently in hospital from shock, and at the inquest a verdict of accidental death was returned.

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The Danish Budget shows a surplus of 700,000 kroner.

The Nicaraguan Congress has authorised the Government to sell or lease the railroads.

A brawl between French soldiers and marines, in which several were injured, occurred at Charbourg.

The Northamptonshire C.C. has passed a by-law requiring all vehicles to carry a light an hour after sunset.

A Volunteer force is being organised in British Honduras, and a considerable number of men have enrolled and begun drilling.

At Portsmouth, William Saunders, a cabinet-maker, was committed for trial, charged with shooting at his landlord's son, who tried to evict him.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest on the aged couple named Baldwin, who were burnt to death near Waterford.

The Austrian Estimate for 1898 contains an item for the Austrian portion of a direct telegraphic line between Buda-Pesth and London.

The Emperor Menelik has forwarded the Grand Cordon of the Seal of Solomon to Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Pope is in excellent health at present, and all the reports which have been circulated to the contrary are false.

In Sicily a number of merchants are said to be preparing to emigrate, being unable to support the heavy taxation by which their business is handicapped.

The Lower House



YESTERDAY'S  
LAW AND POLICE.

## London Sessions.

Clerkenwell.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

(Before Sir W. H. Quayle Jones.)  
James Crowley, 43, horse dealer, was indicted for being concerned with others in robbing Thomas Fullstone, builder, Green Lanes. On Aug. 29 prosecutor went to the cattle market in Caledonian rd., and purchased a horse. About 7 in the evening he led the animal towards his home, but was much irritated and annoyed by prisoner and 2 companions, who forced their conversation upon him. Near Holloway-rd., one of the men stopped the horse, and prisoner and the other person hit it several times, causing it to kick and plunge about. Mr. Fullstone held on to the horse's halter, and in the excitement his watch, chain, and purse were stolen. In the gutter he afterwards saw his purse, but its contents, some £5, had been abstracted. All the men escaped. Information was given to the police, and on Sept. 16 prisoner was apprehended by Det. Powell. He denied that he was one of the thieves, so he was put up for identification. From 11 other men, prosecutor unhesitatingly picked him out.—The defence was that Crowley was not present at the robbery.—The jury found him guilty.—Warder Terrell proved 3 previous convictions for felony against the man, whom Det. Powell described as an associate of thieves and horse-copers hanging about the Cattle Market.—9 months.

## PIGEON STEALING.

(Before Mr. McConnell, Q.C.)  
Two youths were indicted, under the names of George Wise and Charles Chapman, for the stealing of 8 live tame pigeons, value £1s., from the house of G. E. Newcoman, cab proprietor, Ashcombe-rd., Fulham.—The prisoners pleaded guilty.—Prosecutor's hobby is keeping pigeons, and in the back garden of his house he has a specially erected place for them. On the evening of Sept. 19 a witness, named Frost, saw the 2 prisoners leaving the garden by climbing over the fence. Wise had in his possession a bag which contained pigeons. These had been stolen from Mr. Newcoman's place, and Frost gave chase but had to give up, owing to falling down a hole. Enquiries were made, and it was discovered that prisoners, who lived, Chapman in Gillstead-rd., and Wise in Marine Field-rd., Fulham, had divided the pigeons between them. One of the prosecutors pigeons returned home on Sept. 22, and 2 others afterwards arrived. The remaining were found at the boy's place and were identified.—Mr. McConnell bound the youths over in recognisances and curtaies, and their relations promised to give them good advice, keep them from bad company, and provide them with a good home.

## DISHONEST WORKMAN.

William Hickman, 47, and Thomas Salt, 26, labourers, were found guilty of stealing cement, value 2s. 6d., belonging to Walter Scott and another, contractors, of Oxford-st., W., who are engaged on the Marble Arch Station of the Central London Railway.—Salt was sentenced to 2 and Hickman to 2 months' hard labour.

## Mansion House.

## BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR.

Chas. W. Haigh, 42, solicitor, Brockley, and Wm. T. Raymond, barrister, Hare-court, Temple, surrendered to their bail to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly in Queen-st., Cheapside, on Friday evening.—P.C. Cooper said he found defendants about 6 p.m. having a spirited alteration with a costermonger respecting the payment for some fruit. As he approached defendants jumped into a hansom cab, but as the vehicle was engaged already the driver turned them out. They were under the influence of alcohol, and as they did not go away when requested, with the assistance of P.C. Cross he took them to the station.—Mr. Haigh now said in explanation that he was alone responsible for all the trouble. His friend did all he could to get him away. He deeply regretted his conduct.—40s. each.

## Marlborough-street.

## PATENT MEDICINE THEFT.

William Arnold, 32, bacon dray, Allerton-st., Horton; Henry Knifton, 29, labourer, Underwood-st., Mile End; George Robertson, 22, packer, Middle-st., Aldgate, and Walter Corbett, 20, also a packer, were charged on remand with being concerned in stealing, since Sept. 24, 600 bottles of patent medicine and 27 empty cases, worth together £42 0s. 1d., and belonging to Munyon's Homeopathic Remedy Co., Shadwell Avenue.

At the first hearing Det.-insp. Arrow gave evidence of arresting prisoners with the assistance of other officers. Arnold and Knifton and a third man, not in custody, on Oct. 1, drew up in a car in Golden-sq. The detectives stopped them and examined the car, which was found to contain some of the stolen property. He afterwards visited the address given by Knifton and there found the empty cases. Robertson and Corbett, who were employed by Munyon's Co., were then arrested and told a story of a man having bought for the firm a number of empty boxes. The man said that if they could get him some full boxes it would mean 2s. or 2s. 6d. on their pockets. They asserted that though they gave this man more empty boxes than he bought, he was not allowed to take away any full ones. He gave them each 2s. 3d. or 2s. 4d. for the extra boxes.—Further remanded, Robertson and Corbett admitted to bail.

## Westminster.

## ADULTERATION.

Frank John Sullivan, landlord of the Monks Tavern, St. George's-row, Paddington, appeared to answer a summons taken out by the Inland Revenue for selling stout which was adulterated with the equivalent of nearly 2 gallons of water to the 36 gallon barrel.—Assisted by an expert witness from Messrs. Watney and Co., the brewers who supplied defendant, the prosecution showed that the quality of stout known as "Imperial Double Brown" retailed by him was of considerably less specific gravity than when it left the brewery.—Defendant's cellarman deposed that he had mixed 2 different brewings in the cellar owing to one being in a leaky condition.—Fined £10, and £2 6s. costs.

## Marylebone.

## HER YOUNG MAN.

Henry William Hollis, 18, decorator, was charged with having in his possession 3 gold brooches, a gold necklace, and 3 pairs of gold earrings, value £25, and not giving a satisfactory account of the same, supposed stolen.—Sergt. Davies, 91 Y., went into the shop of Mr. Methuah, a pawnbroker, Malden-rd., Kentish Town, on Friday afternoon, went in connection with some business, and saw prisoner standing in front of the counter talking to one of the assistants on the other side. The assistant turned to the officer, and prisoner at once darted out of the shop. The sergeant spoke to the assistant, and went after prisoner is a hansom cab. On reaching Chalk Farm-rd., the sergeant had lost sight of him, so he alighted from the cab, and began to search the shop. A. last he found prisoner behind an ironmonger's shop door. He was taken back to the pawnbroker's, and was there told he would be charged with being in

the unlawful possession of articles of jewellery. A canoe brooch was found on him. Proved as to what he had done with the other things. At last said he had them thrown away. The sergeant returned to the ironmonger's shop, and while a grist near to which prisoner had stood had the property in question.

The police then ascertained that prisoner had been keeping company with a young woman named Minnie Bailey, who was in the service of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Albion-rd., West Hampstead.—The girl said she had known the prisoner 12 months. He had only been to the house a few times, the last being Wednesday week, when there was no one in the house but him and herself. Her mistress's jewellery was in a drawer, which was kept locked.—Mr. Bennett: Where was prisoner in the house?—Witness: He went up with me into my room to make the bed.—Did you leave him? Only while I went into the garden for a minute.—How came he to know where the jewellery was kept? I don't know. I know where it was kept, and I may have told him.—Prisoner pleaded guilty.—4 months.

## North London.

## CAN'T PAY, OR WON'T PAY.

Samuel Ernest Miller, 47, said to be a timber merchant in the City, residing at Clapton-sq., was charged with failing to pay £21 1s., due to his wife under a maintenance order.—Mr. Ward, solicitor, who represented the wife, said prisoner had given a deal of trouble, and he would never pay under the order until he was forced to do so, and said that he was quite unable to pay.—The Wife: He has quite plenty of money, and is quite able to pay.—Mr. Mead: You must pay £21 1s. forthwith, or go to prison for 6 weeks.

## BAD RECORD.

William Offord, 19, labourer, no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a silver watch, value 1s., the property of Fred. Chas. Sneed, Glyn-nd., Clapton.—Prisoner slept in prosecutor's room. On the morning of Aug. 27 he got up early and went out. After he had gone the watch, some articles of clothing, and some linen were missing.—Prisoner was arrested by Det. Tritton at St. Albans. He denied all knowledge of the watch, and persisted in his denial now.—Det.-supt. Thornhill proved several convictions against prisoner, the last being 3 terms of 3 months' hard labour for felony.—Committed for trial.

## Clerkenwell.

## CLERGYMAN'S TROUSERS.

Benjamin Benjamin, 24, clothes dealer, Burdett-rd., was charged with stealing from Headstone-nd., St. Pancras, a pair of trousers, value 2s., the property of Andrew Jones.—Prosecutor: I am a cleric in Holy orders, said on Sept. 17 he saw prisoner in keeping pigeons, and in the back garden of his house he has a specially erected place for them. On the evening of Sept. 19 a witness, named Frost, saw the 2 prisoners leaving the garden by climbing over the fence. Wise had in his possession a bag which contained pigeons. These had been stolen from Mr. Newman's place, and Frost gave chase but had to give up, owing to falling down a hole. Enquiries were made, and it was discovered that prisoners, who lived, Chapman in Gillstead-rd., and Wise in Marine Field-rd., Fulham, had divided the pigeons between them. One of the prosecutors pigeons returned home on Sept. 22, and 2 others afterwards arrived. The remaining were found at the boy's place and were identified.—Mr. McConnell bound the youths over in recognisances and curtaies, and their relations promised to give them good advice, keep them from bad company, and provide them with a good home.

## EXTENSIVE THEFT.

Ann Elizabeth Goddard, 85, married, of Gloucester-nd., West Norwood, was charged with stealing from the Sir Robert Peel beer-house, Tamworth-nd., West Croydon, a writing desk, containing £24 in gold, 2 cheques, 3 postal orders, a gold ring, a diamond ring, a marriage certificate, an Excise license, and other things, of the total value of £45. The property of Thomas Walter Lloyd.—Prosecutor, who is the landlord of the house, said prisoner had been staying there, but left on Sept. 10. He had already missed the diamond pin (produced), and on Oct. 4 he discovered that his writing desk and its contents had been stolen.—Leonard Wells, the prosecutor's barman, deposed that prisoner came there on Monday last, and walked upstairs, saying she was going to fetch a parcel which she had left behind. Knowing that she had been a lodger in the house witness thought nothing of it. She came down stairs with a parcel about the size of the stolen writing desk.—Det.-supt. Mr. W. Div., said on Friday afternoon he traced prisoner to Gloucester-nd., West Croydon, and told her the charge. She said: "I know nothing about it," and rushed to the head of her bed and took from under the mattress the diamond pin and ring now identified by Mr. Lloyd as his property. In a bag witness found £12 14s. 4d., and when searched at the station 10 sovereigns were found sewn in the band of her petticoat. Prisoner gave the supposed address of her husband at Old Brompton, Chatham, but a telegram failed to find him.—Remanded in custody.

## West Ham.

## FELL ON THE JUG.

William Eddie, 30, labourer, Scott-nd., Canning Town, was charged with assaulting his wife Agnes.—Early on Oct. 2 Mr. Eddie was found in Scott-nd., bleeding from a wound in his head. In consequence of what she said 2 officers went to her house. The door being barricaded, it was burst open, and prisoner was found in bed partly dressed. The room was "like a slaughter house." There was blood on the floor, bedding, furniture, and crockery. In her husband's presence Mrs. Eddie said her husband had assaulted her with a jug, but prisoner denied it.—Last week the woman was unable to attend on account of a severe scalp wound, but she was now present. She, however, seemed reluctant to press the charge, and when she got into the witness-box she said he was the worse for liquor on the night in question, and that she fell on the jug. The boy said he really ought to be careful for last week, when she was in a serious condition, she made a statement on which her husband was arrested. Under the circumstances prisoner would now be discharged on pay of costs.

## WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK.

Edward Davies, 25, of Devonshire-nd., Custom House, was charged with being disorderly and using bad language in the Victoria Park-nd.—P.C. Hoggard said that at 11.30 a.m. that morning prisoner passed him in the Victoria Park-nd. Witness glanced at him, and Davies, stopping, said: "Who the — are you looking at?"—Witness said he had not looked at him when prisoner Davies pulled out a truncheon and said: "I am a policeman as well as you," and went on to say that witness didn't know his duty. He was advised to put the truncheon in his pocket and go home, but Davies used bad language, and at last was arrested.—In answer to Mr. Stern, who defended, Hoggard said he didn't at the time know Davies was a dock constable. At the station a warrant was not found on him.—The defence was that Hoggard provoked prisoner, and Insp. French, of the London and India Docks police, was called. He said Davies joined the Docks police in December, 1895, but witness was sorry he could not say anything as to his character. He had been away on sick leave, and being sick should have been at home in bed at the time when this affair happened.—Fined 5s., and £2. 6d. costs.

## FIGHTING WOMEN.

Ada Squire, 34, of Leather-lane, Holloway, was charged with maliciously wounding Alfred Perry and Thomas Daly, labourers, as reported last week.—Complainants were drinking at the Cock Inn, Leather-lane, when prisoner and his sister, who was also in the bar, commenced to "set them at." To avoid a quarrel complainants left the house, but Squire and her sister followed them. Prisoner struck Perry to fight, and immediately afterwards struck him in the left eye with a hammer, injuring him seriously. He fell to the ground, and while Daly was assisting him to get up Squire struck him on the head with a hammer. The prisoner's sister had a chopper in her possession, but she did not use it.—Committed for trial.

## CHARGE OF SHOOTING.

Frederick Weller, otherwise Murrell, of Scarbrook Hill, Croydon, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously shooting George Benson, with intent to do him some grievous bodily harm at Surrey-nd., Croydon.—Insp. Mountainfield informed the bench that the injured lad had been shot in the wall of the chest, and was detained in the General Hospital. That morning the house surgeon reported that he was progressing as favourably as could be expected.—James Kearns stated that on the evening he left in charge of a shooting gallery in Surrey-nd., during the absence of the proprietress, Benson, prisoner, and another boy came there, and the former took up a rifle and pointing it at Weller's forehead, pulled the trigger, but the weapon was not loaded. After doing this Benson went out into the roadway and prisoner picked up another rifle, and fired at Weller, the bullet taking effect in his side.—Mary Christy, coffee-house keeper, High-nd., Croydon, said her shop was immediately opposite the shooting gallery. On the previous evening she was looking out of her upstairs window when she saw prisoner take deliberate aim at Benson.—Insp. Mountainfield said the injured lad made a similar statement.—Remanded on bail.

## A HOMELESS FAMILY.

Amelia Wallace, 35, without a home, a miserable-looking woman with a baby in her arms, was charged with causing her 5 children, aged respectively 13, 11, 8, 7, 6, and 3 years and 11 months, to be exposed in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering and injury to health, by allowing them to sleep in a field at Woodside.—P.C. 22 WR was shortly after 8 o'clock that morning sent to a field near the Black Horse, at Woodside, where he found prisoner, another woman, and 2 men sitting round a handful of fire. The baby and the younger children were lying under a hedge some distance from the fire covered with an old sack. They were lying on the bare ground. Her other children were lying near the fire. He asked prisoner why she did not go to the workhouse, having no home, and she replied: "I don't want to be shut up there all my time." She said she did not know where her husband was, not having seen him for 3 weeks. She admitted having slept in the same field on the previous night, when there was a sharp frost.—Witness took the child to the police-station.—Remanded; children sent to the workhouse.

## Stratford.

## GHOST SHOW AND PARSON.

John Nails and James Skinner, who reside in vans on a piece of land in Duke's Passage, Wood-nd., Walthamstow, were summoned by Insp. Rivers for using vans as dwelling houses within 200 yards of the highway, and George Davis, of Duke's Passage, owner of the land, was summoned for suffering the land to be occupied in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering and injury to health, by allowing them to sleep in a field at Woodside.—P.C. 22 WR was shortly after 8 o'clock that morning sent to a field near the Black Horse, at Woodside, where he found prisoner, another woman, and 2 men sitting round a handful of fire. The baby and the younger children were lying under a hedge some distance from the fire covered with an old sack. They were lying on the bare ground. Her other children were lying near the fire. He asked prisoner why she did not go to the workhouse, having no home, and she replied: "I don't want to be shut up there all my time." She said she did not know where her husband was, not having seen him for 3 weeks. She admitted having slept in the same field on the previous night, when there was a sharp frost.—Witness took the child to the police-station.—Remanded; children sent to the workhouse.

## PEOPLES' HEROES-LXIX.

## A PLUCKY TEACHER.

We here give a portrait of Mr. H. Southon, a Board School teacher, who recently performed an act of great heroism at a level crossing on the South-Eastern Railway at Ash Church.

An elderly man, with deafness,

which prevented him from hearing,

and from seeing, had been

struck by a train.

Mr. Southon, who was

on duty, heard the

approaching train,

and, as he

had been

driven away from

the danger,

he ran back to the

dangerous

crossing, and

cried out to the

driver to stop.

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# SATURDAY'S SPORTS OF THE PEOPLE.

## FOOTBALL. ASSOCIATION.

### LEAGUE MATCHES—FIRST DIVISION.

BOLTON WANDERERS v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.

WEDNESDAY.

At Bolton. During the opening half of Wednesday team had decided the best of matters, the home side not failing to say anything like the result that might have been expected. In less than a quarter of an hour from the start Crayshaw scored for Wednesday, and before 25 minutes had gone, Brady added a second point. The Bolton men worked hard, but no success rewarded their efforts, and at half-time the two Wednesday men were leading by 2 goals to 0. After the interval, the Wanderers attacked with some vigour, but were unable to break through the Sheffield defence. The visitors were more successful when they pressed, Spokesley adding another point. The Bolton men quite failed in their endeavours to gain a point, and Sheffield Wednesday gained a handsome victory by a goal to 3.

NOTTS COUNTY v. NOTTS FOREST.

At Nottingham. The visitors committed selected F. Young in preference to Richards and for the County Doherty and Carter appeared instead of Bougher and Daughton. At starting the game was fast and exciting, and there seemed little to choose between the sides, but after nearly 10 minutes' play Spokesley cleverly scored for the Forest. The County made desperate efforts to equalise, and once set the pace, the rest, but the attack was repelled, and amid much cheering a second point was gained for the Forest by Bougher. At half-time the Forest were leading by 2 goals to 0. After crossing over the Forest took up the attack, but were checked by the fine defence of Toone, who saved several shots in splendid style. At length the County's efforts broke through, and after 20 minutes' play the visitors had scored, Forest thus winning a hard game by 3 goals to 0.

SUNDERLAND v. DERBY COUNTY.

At Sunderland. Playing with the wind in their favour Sunderland had a lot the best of the opening half, and 15 minutes from the start the Boro scored, and had hit the upright. This lead was quickly added to by Chalmers and this advantage they continued to hold though as the game progressed, Derby County settled down and had a good share of the play. Still the forwards failed to make any great impression on the home defence, and at the interval Sunderland were leading by 1 goal. After the change of ends Derby County made some efforts to recover their lost ground, but though they had the best of the play for some little time, their shooting left something to be desired. After a number of unsuccessful goods, Hall got the ball through for Derby within 10 minutes of the close. Up to the finish, however, the Sunderland backs prevented any further progress, and victory rested with Sunderland by 3 goals to 0. This was the northern team's fourth success in the League.

BURY v. SHEFFIELD UNITED.

At Bury. Montgomery remained his place as goalkeeper for Bury while Garside joined just on the right wing. Settle having injured his knee. The United enjoyed the services of Thickett, who took his place at back. A interesting game was witnessed, the Bury men making a number of errors in their powerful moments. The match had been in progress about 15 minutes when Bennett kicked the first goal for the United, but 10 minutes later Henderson equalised, heading through from a free kick. Bennett scored again, but Plant put Bury level, and finally arrived with the score 2 goals to each. On a fresh start being given, the United attacked, and Almond put the ball into the net, but was offside. On the ground of off-side he was overruled. The United continued to press for a time, then Bury retaliated, and Foukes had a splendid shot to save. Bury settled down to their work in fine style, and Foukes was again called into play for a shot from Henderson, but subsequently the United gained the upper hand, and after Morris had put on a fourth goal, Cunningham added a fifth, the United winning by 5 goals to 2.

LIVERPOOL v. STOKE.

At Liverpool. Liverpool, who kicked off against wind and sun, at once pressed, and after the Stoke goalkeeper had been twice hard put to it to save he was beaten by a shot from Cumlife, who thus placed the first goal in the match to the credit of the home side. Stoke played on in good style afterwards, and when the interval arrived the score remained at 1 goal to 0, in favour of Liverpool. After the change of ends the Liverpool forwards played up in most brilliant style, and kept the Stoke men continually on the defensive. Having started pressing their own way Liverpool scored 5 times in 10 minutes, the field with a very handsome victory by 6 goals to 0. In the latter part of the game the Stoke team were completely out-played.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS v. EVERTON.

At Wolverhampton. Both clubs were strongly represented. For the first quarter of an hour the Wanderers set up a very strong attack, but the defence of Everton was fully up to the occasion. Once having relieved the pressure, Everton carried the ball across, and a goal was scored off of a corner. As the interval approached the pressure on Gravesend's end increased, and eventually Hartley beat Bignal with a good shot. The same player followed with a second point a few minutes later, and ends were changed with Tottenham leading by 2 goals to 0. Though the home eleven continued to have the ball, the visitors' efforts to recover the ball failed to score, and after Morris had put on a fourth goal, Cunningham added a fifth, the United winning by 5 goals to 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

MILLWALL ATHLETIC v. SOUTHPORT.

At Millwall. The Millwall team, who had been beaten by the last season's champions, and the runners-up in the competition, and between 6,000 and 7,000 spectators gathered. It was a dull afternoon, but the turf was in fine trim, and there was little wind. Gettins appeared for Millwall, who also tried a new half-back, Fitzpatrick. It was a very good game, though the visitors were undoubtedly the better team. Kinnear and McLean added a second point, and were soon beaten back, and 6 minutes after the start Davies scored for the visitors. Half an hour later Davies, as the result of a pretty piece of passing, equalised, but before the interval Southampton again got the lead, the ball being rushed through from a corner kick. After the interval play was more vigorous, several foul's occurring, and the visitors' record was good, though the Southampton and Conroy for Millwall, leaving the result: Southampton 2; Millwall, 2.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. GRAVESEND.

At Northumberland Park, Tottenham. After Hartley had kicked off for the home team, play ruled greatly in the Tottenham's favour, and it was only the defence of Bristle, at back, and Bignal, in goal, that prevented them from scoring. Hartley, who had been beaten by a shot from Bristle, who thus placed the first goal in the match to the credit of the home side. The visitors' record was good, though the half-back, and eventually Hartley beat Bignal with a good shot. The same player followed with a second point a few minutes later, and ends were changed with Tottenham leading by 2 goals to 0. Though the home eleven continued to have the ball, the visitors' efforts to recover the ball failed to score, and after Morris had put on a fourth goal, Cunningham added a fifth, the United winning by 5 goals to 2.

READING v. WOLVERTON.

At Reading. On their own ground at Reading the local club had practically all the play in this game, and defeated Wolverton by 6 goals to 0. Dewey scored twice and Sharp and Cockshut once each, and the latter had a goal disallowed for a foul. The visitors' record was good, though the half-back, and eventually Hartley beat Bignal with a good shot. The same player followed with a second point a few minutes later, and ends were changed with Tottenham leading by 2 goals to 0. Though the home eleven continued to have the ball, the visitors' efforts to recover the ball failed to score, and after Morris had put on a fourth goal, Cunningham added a fifth, the United winning by 5 goals to 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Partick Thistle v. Glasgow Rangers.—At Meadowside, Glasgow. The Rangers had the ball for the greater part of the game, and won by 5 goals to 1.

CHATHAM v. NORTHEAST FLEET.

At Northfleet. In the first half both teams struggled hard for supremacy, but the change of ends arrived without any score having been obtained on either side. However, several good chances were missed. About 20 minutes after the interval the visitors' record was good, though the half-back, and eventually Hartley beat Bignal with a good shot. The same player followed with a second point a few minutes later, and ends were changed with Tottenham leading by 2 goals to 0. A keen and interesting game followed in the second half, the visitors' record was good, though the half-back, and eventually Hartley beat Bignal with a good shot. The same player followed with a second point a few minutes later, and ends were changed with Tottenham leading by 2 goals to 0. A keen and interesting game followed in the second half, the visitors' record was good, though the half-back, and eventually Hartley beat Bignal with a good shot. 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